

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-18, 20-36 and 38-43 are currently pending. Claims 1, 9-13, 16, 20, 21 and 27-31 have been amended. Claims 19 and 37 have been canceled without prejudice and new claims 38-43 have been added. Furthermore, the specification has been amended to eliminate typographical errors in the specification and to amend the title such that it more accurately indicates the claimed subject matter. The Applicants submit that no new matter has been added.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner is thanked for indicating that claims 6, 13-20, 24 and 31-37 include subject matter allowable over the prior art of record.

Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate features similar to those recited in canceled claim 19, which the Examiner indicated as containing allowable subject matter over the prior art of record. Thus, the Applicants submit that claim 1 is allowable over the prior art of record.

Claims 2-18 and 20 are dependent upon claim 1 and thus are also believed to be allowable over the prior art of record.

Claim 21 has been amended to incorporate features similar to those recited in canceled claim 37, which the Examiner indicated as containing allowable subject matter over the prior art of record. Thus, the Applicants submit that claim 21 is allowable over the prior art of record.

Claims 22-36 are dependent upon claim 21 and thus are also believed to be allowable over the prior art of record.

New claim 38 includes the features of the originally presented claim 1 and claim 6, which the Examiner indicated as containing allowable subject matter over the prior art of record. Thus, the Applicants submit that claim 38 is allowable over

the prior art of record.

New claim 39 includes the features of the originally presented claim 1 and claim 13, which the Examiner indicated as containing allowable subject matter over the prior art of record. Thus, the Applicants submit that claim 39 is allowable over the prior art of record.

New claims 40 and 41 are dependent upon claim 39 and thus are also believed to be allowable over the prior art of record.

New claim 42 includes the features of the originally presented claim 1 and claim 16, which the Examiner indicated as containing allowable subject matter over the prior art of record. Thus, the Applicants submit that claim 42 is allowable over the prior art of record.

New claim 43 includes the features of the originally presented claim 21 and claim 24, which the Examiner indicated as containing allowable subject matter over the prior art of record. Thus, the Applicants submit that claim 43 is allowable over the prior art of record.

Conclusion

It is respectfully submitted that pending claims 1-18, 20-36 and 38-43 are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance of pending claims 1-18, 20-36 and 38-43 are respectfully requested.

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If the Examiner does not believe that the claims are in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at 215-568-6400.

Respectfully submitted,

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